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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Munich Security Conference, regional and international security concerns, were discussed;

(b) if so, the extent to which the Indian security concerns against international terrorism were addressed therein;

(c) the decisions taken at the conference; and

(d) the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b) Yes, sir. The focus of the 38th Munich Conference on Security Policy, held from 1-3 February 2002, was on international terrorism. India`s security concerns related to combating international terrorism were raised by Principal Secretary to PM in his address to the Conference titled `International Terrorism and Democratic Societies`, which emphasized the threat to democratic, multicultural and pluralistic societies from globalization of the forces of terrorism.

(c)&(d) The annual Munich Conference organised by an influential private foundation provides the opportunity for discussions and debate among top policy and opinion makers from different countries. It is not a forum where any decisions are taken where follow up measures are required.